

A Photographic History of the Smith Family

Volume 1: Joseph John Smith & Anna Marie Kutarnia

This series of photograph “albums” cover more than a century of history of the lives of Joseph John Smith and Anna Marie Kutarnia and their descendants.

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Album N^o. 3: Trenton Central High School

The yearbook photographs in this volume are from the collection of the Trenton Central High Yearbooks held by the Trenton Historical Society and located in the Trenton Public Library on Academy Street in Trenton.

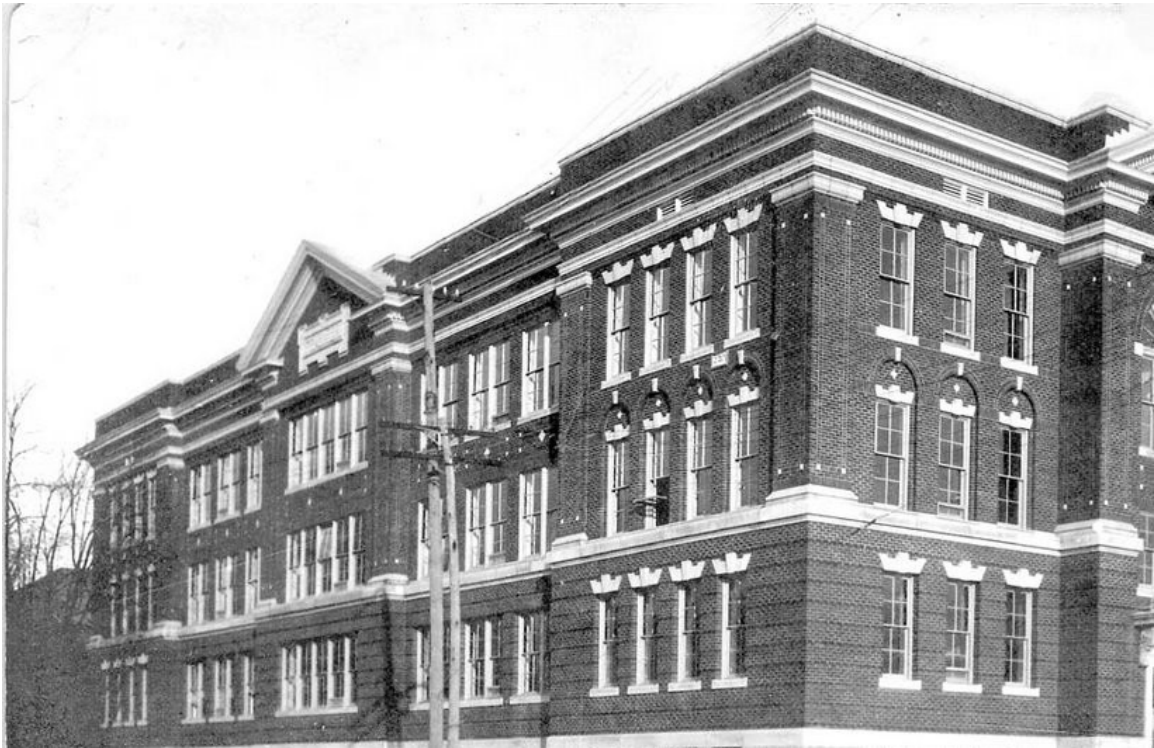
The pictures of the schools are from the *Trentoniana Collection* at the Trenton Public Library on Academy Street in Trenton.

That branch of Trenton Library was built on the site of the Joseph Wood Public School that opened in 1857 and closed in 1932.



By Dr. Brian A. Smith

The first school the younger Smiths attended was Franklin Elementary School on William Street near Liberty Street.



Then they moved on to Junior 4 just down Dayton Street from the Pub.



Junior High School Number 4 has been planned for 1,500 pupils. It contains

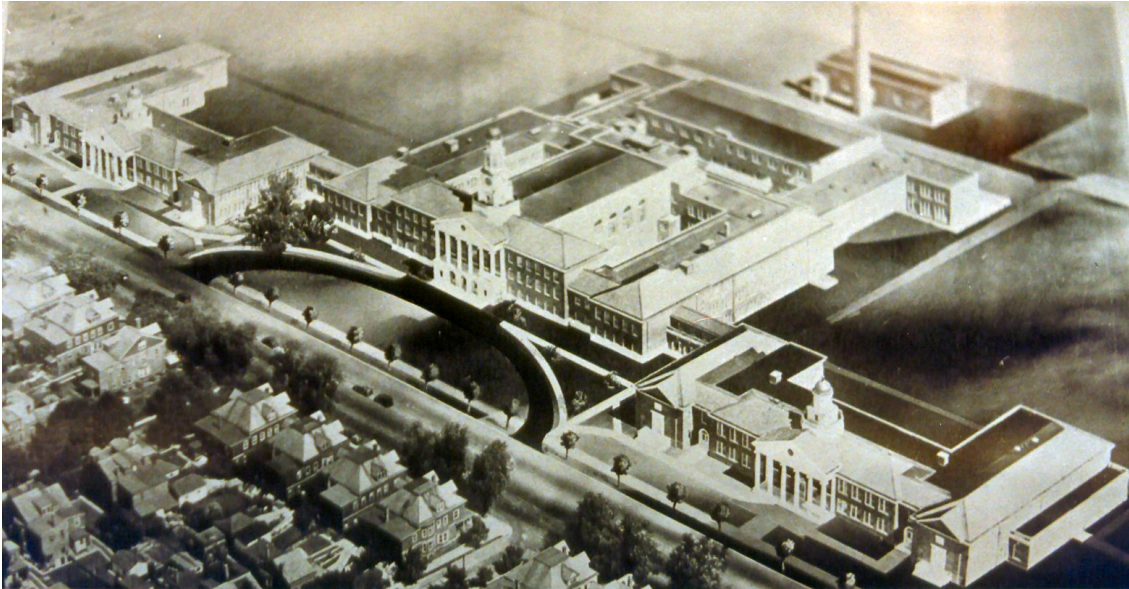
The high school the older Smiths attended wasn't the one we all know on Chambers Street – that was the third high school. The second Trenton Central High School taught students from 1900 to 1932. It was located on Chestnut Avenue in Chambersburg.

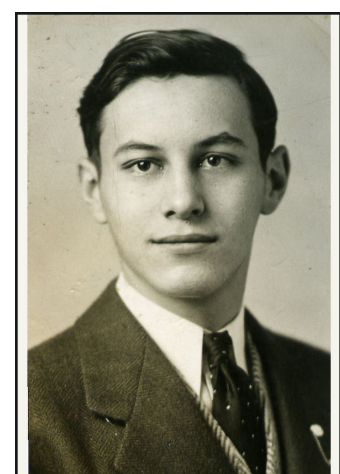
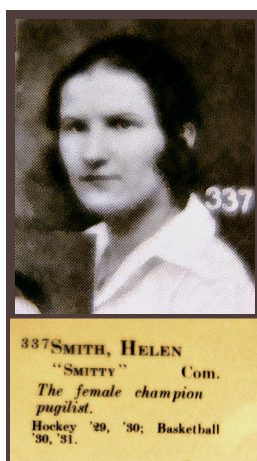


The third school opened in a 1,500-seat auditorium with Lenox chandeliers, 4 gymnasiums, 5 libraries – the main library supplemented by 3 specialty libraries and the Briggs Branch of the Trenton Public Library - and two-room apartment with bath, all “with customary furniture and furnishings.” The façade was graced with the clock tower and each wing had four empty niches that were intended to be filled with statues of school graduates- *“poets, statesmen, philosophers, inventors- in fact, anyone who benefits mankind”* according to Trenton’s second-longest Mayor Frederick William Donnelly who served in that capacity for 21 years, 1911 – 1932. He does hold the distinction of holding the longest term, 21 years, beating out Arthur J. Holland, who had a 20 year term and a 6 year term.

The city purchased the 36-acre Chambers Farm and Nursery and started the preliminaries – developing the budget, hiring architects, accepting bids, on so on And then one day someone, probably from the township government, pointed out that the site of the new Trenton Central High School was not in Trenton; the parcel was in Hamilton Township!

A somewhat embarrassed city council belatedly negotiated the purchase of the parcel from the township. Perhaps the deal that was struck included the reason the Junior 6 was never realized – Junior 6 opened as Hamilton High School West.





John Spych '35

Joseph Spych '38

